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Dear Hal,

Today I sent Paul my sole remaining copy of COUP-the first part, the part that, I believe, has juch for Garry. I am anxious for it not to remain out of our possession long. Paul can have it copied for Garry or Garry can copy it in his own office. As soon as this is done I'd like it returned. It can go as first-class mail if sent book rate, special handling. With insurance for $50, it cost me only 89¢. I need it urgently, faster than it can be returned, for a publisher's rep is due here in ten days.

If Paul has not given his memo to Garry, I think it best that it not be give him. It is inadequate. Which is no reflection on Paul, who is marvelous. But this is outside his experience, and his fine ultra-conservative approach here is counterproductive. As you know, I have much more than is in the book, and I believe if Paul and Jim were to go over what they have, regardless of their conifence in the documents or lack of it, they will find more. For Garry's purposes that the people mentioned try to have killed the President is not important. What is is that they talked about it.

Unfortunately, as I check Lil's index cards she has no separate item for threats against JFK. However, if Garry doesn't have or doesn't want to take time to read the book(s), I believe you can spot them for him fast enough and we can subsequently give him what is not in the book(s),

With the black closing of ranks behind the Panthers, little short of astounding, when you consider this didn't happen with Malcom, Medgar or King, I am more than ever persuaded that this book culd have enormous sale through black groups, which could make money thereby. Bell, sand cat.

Hastily,